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✓ "SMOOTH AS SATIN" ✓

~~A Gothic Production~~

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Gertie Jones . . . . . EVELYN BRENT  
Jimmy Hartigan . . . . . BRUCE GORDON  
Kersey . . . . . Fred Kelsey  
Bill Manson. . . . . Fred Esmelton  
Mrs. Manson. . . . . Mabel Van Buren  
Henderson. . . . . John Gough

✓ Based on ~~the~~ "The Chatterbox" by.. Bayard Veiller ✓

✓ Adaptation and continuity by. . . Fred Kennedy Myton ✓

Directed by . . . . . Ralph Ince

Assistant Director. . . . . Pan Berman

Cameraman. . . . . Silvano Galboni

Footage

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Gertie Jones, known in underworld circles as "The Chatterbox" because of her habit of talking to herself while working on a "job", is a very clever crook. She might be said to have come by her light-fingered talents honestly since all her family have been crooks. As "Marie", the perfect lady's maid to the wealthy Mrs. Harper, she plans to divest that lady of a \$40,000 necklace, and stages the theft one night when her mistress has gone out leaving the necklace in the safe. Unable to open it by listening to the tumblers, Gertie is talking to herself, insisting that not even Jimmy Hartigan, "The Rubber Glove Kid", can open safes that way. She gets burglar tools and is messing about when a noise attracts her and she hides behind a curtain. A man comes through the window where she has cut the glass as an alibi for her own work and going to the safe opens it easily by listening to the tumblers. Gertie recognizes him as Hartigan, confronts him with a gun and demands the necklace. As she talks to herself in a moment of abstraction. Jimmy discovers that she is "The Chatterbox", and when the police appear he insists on taking all the blame, even hurriedly tying her up in a chair to protect her.

Hartigan is sent to Joliet prison for a long term, but a year later Gertie manages to assist him in escaping. The two are married and go to New York to continue their career of crime. Kersey, the detective who caught Hartigan, continues his efforts trail the Pair.

Bill Manson and his wife live in an adjoining New York apartment and are friends of the Hartigans. One night Henderson a seventy year old crook who is "homesick" for jail and has no

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desire but to get back there to die; attempts to rob the Manson apartment when the Hartigans are there, and this brings the two to a realization of what their crooked life means. They resolve to "go straight" and Gertie tells the Mansons they have \$30,000 to invest; whereupon Bill takes Jimmy in as a partner in his business. He also takes Jimmy in to the extent of withdrawing the firm's money from the bank, telling Hartigan that he has lost the \$30,000 on a bad tip in Wall Street. The newly "straights" believe this until Nellie, Gertie's sister, shows them they have been "bunked". Nellie is also an erstwhile crook who has contracted consumption in prison. Her illness and need for a home is one of the reasons the Hartigans forswear their former life. Gertie recovers the stolen nest-egg by holding up Manson and his wife on the road. When she returns Kersey has trailed Jimmy to the apartment; but with the help of Chicago Red and Dutch Dougherty, Gertie manages to have Jimmy "save" the cornered detective, and he allows the two to return quietly to the Straight and Narrow.



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